What is claimed is:

1.   A method for reducing interference in a communication device comprising:

providing a communication device having first and second antenna elements and a combiner to combine outputs of said first and second antenna elements, said first antenna element having an adjustable weight;

determining individual channel responses for said first and second antenna elements for each of a plurality of base stations of interest; and

determining a weight for said first antenna element that optimizes an interference-related quality criterion based on said individual channel responses.

2.   The method of claim 1 wherein:

said communication device includes more than two antenna elements, wherein said combiner combines the outputs of said more than two antenna elements.

3.   The method of claim 1 wherein determining individual channel responses includes:

applying a predetermined weight to said first antenna element;

estimating a combined channel response for a channel between a first base station of interest and an output of said combiner while said predetermined weight is being applied; and

calculating an individual channel response for a channel between said first base station of interest and said first antenna element using said estimated combined channel response.

4.   The method of claim 3 wherein:

calculating an individual channel response includes determining a weight previously applied to said first antenna element and using said previously applied weight to calculate said individual channel response.

1   5.   The method of claim 1 wherein:

2   said weight is a complex weight having a magnitude-related component and

3   a phase-related component.

1   6.   The method of claim 1 wherein:

2   said interference-related quality criterion includes a signal to interference

3   and noise ratio (SINR).

1   7.   The method of claim 1 wherein:

2   said interference-related quality criterion includes a bit error rate (BER).

1   8.   The method of claim 1 wherein:

2   said interference-related quality criterion includes a mean square error

3   (MSE).

1   9.   The method of claim 1 wherein:

2   determining a weight includes selecting a weight from a predefined set of

3   possible weights.

1   10.   A method for reducing interference in a communication device comprising:

2   providing a communication device having first and second antenna elements,

3   said first antenna element having an adjustable weight;

4   applying a predetermined weight to said first antenna element;

5   estimating a combined channel response for said first and second antenna

6   elements while said predetermined weight is being applied for a first base station of

7   interest;

8   calculating individual channel responses for channels between said first and

9   second antenna elements and said first base station of interest using said estimated

10   combined channel response; and

11   determining a new weight for said first antenna element that enhances an

12   interference-related quality criterion using said individual channel responses.

1   11.   The method of claim 10 comprising:

2   repeating estimating a combined channel response and calculating individual

3   channel responses for each of a plurality of base stations of interest.

1   12.   The method of claim 10 wherein:

2   estimating a combined channel response includes identifying and using a

3   pilot signal received from said first base station of interest.

1   13.   The method of claim 10 wherein:

2   applying a predetermined weight includes forcing a magnitude associated

3   with said first antenna element to zero.

1   14.   The method of claim 10 wherein:

2   said interference-related quality criterion includes a signal to interference

3   and noise ratio (SINR).

1   15.   A method for reducing interference in a communication device comprising:

2   providing a communication device having first and second antenna elements,

3   said first antenna element having an adjustable weight;

4   applying a predetermined weight to said first antenna element during a

5   present time period;

6   estimating a combined channel response for said first and second antenna

7   elements while said predetermined weight is being applied for a first base station of

8   interest;

9   calculating individual channel responses for channels between each of said

10   first and second antenna elements and said first base station of interest for said

11   present time period using said combined channel response;

12   determining a new weight for said first antenna element for said present time

13   period that enhances an interference-related quality criterion using said individual

14   channel responses; and

15   applying said new weight to said first antenna element during said present

16   time period.

1   16.   The method of claim 15 comprising:

2   repeating estimating a combined channel response and calculating individual

3   channel responses for each of a plurality of base stations of interest before

4   determining said new weight.

1   17.   The method of claim 15 wherein:

2   calculating individual channel responses includes using antenna weight

3   information from a previous time period.

1   18.   The method of claim 15 wherein:

2   calculating individual channel responses includes using combined channel

3   response information from a previous time period.

1   19.   The method of claim 15 wherein:

2   calculating individual channel responses includes solving M equations in M

3   unknowns, where M is an integer greater than 1.

1   20.   The method of claim 15 wherein:

2   calculating individual channel responses includes solving the following

3   system of equations for $C_1(t=nT)$:

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$$\begin{cases} h_1(t) = \widetilde{W} C_1(t) & t \in [nT, nT + \tau] \\ h_1(t) = W_{(n-1)T} C_1(t) & t \in [(n-1)T + \tau, nT) \end{cases}$$

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7 where $h_1(t)$ is the estimated combined channel response for the first base station of

8 interest at time t, $W_{(n-1)T}$ is the calculated vector gain of the antenna elements during

9 previous period $[(n-1)T+\tau$, nT), $C_1(t)$ is the matrix channel response of the first

10 base station of interest for each of the antenna elements at time t, and $\widetilde{W}$ is the

11 vector gain of the antennas using the predetermined weight.

1   21.   The method of claim 15 wherein:

2   said interference-related quality criterion includes a signal to interference

3 and noise ratio (SINR).

1   22.   The method of claim 15 further comprising:

2   repeating applying a predetermined weight, estimating a combined channel

3 response, calculating individual channel responses, determining a new weight, and

4 applying said new weight for a subsequent time period.

1   23.   A communication device comprising:

2   first and second antenna elements, said first antenna element having an

3 adjustable weight;

4   a combiner to combine outputs of said first and second antenna elements to

5 generate a combined signal; and

6   a controller to control said adjustable weight of said first antenna element,

7 said controller including:

8   a first unit to determine individual channel responses for said first

9   and second antenna elements for each of a plurality of base stations of

10   interest; and

11   a second unit to determine a weight for said first antenna element that

12   optimizes an interference-related quality criterion using the individual

13   channel responses.

1   24.   The communication device of claim 23 comprising:

2   at least one additional antenna element, wherein said combiner combines

3   outputs of said first antenna element, said second antenna element, and said at least

4   one additional antenna element to generate said combined signal and wherein said

5   first unit determines individual channel responses for said first antenna element, said

6   second antenna element, and said at least one additional antenna element for each of

7   the base stations of interest.

1   25.   The communication device of claim 23 wherein:

2   said controller repeatedly updates said weight of said first antenna element.

1   26.   The communication device of claim 25 wherein:

2   said controller updates said weight of said first antenna element at intervals

3   that depend upon a Doppler rate associated with said communication device.

1   27.   The communication device of claim 23 wherein:

2   said interference-related quality criterion includes a signal to interference

3   and noise ratio (SINR).

1   28.   The communication device of claim 23 wherein:

2   said first unit regularly applies a predetermined weight to said first antenna

3   element for use in determining said individual channel responses.

1   29.   The communication device of claim 23 wherein:

2   said first unit determines said individual channel responses for said first and

3   second antenna elements using a combined channel response for said first and

4   second antenna elements for each base station of interest.